

House Resolution No. 4521

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and honored to recognize Missourians who have witnessed dramatic changes in America during their sojourn on this most precious Earth; and

Whereas, the members now find it altogether fitting and proper to pause in their course of the diverse daily activities to recognize Olan A. North, of Cuba, Missouri, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on November 8, 2008, at a celebration to be held at The Living Word in Leasburg, Missouri, surrounded by family and friends; and

Whereas, Olan North was born on November 9, 1908, in Clinton, Missouri, the treasured son of William Arthur North and June Cotton North; and

Whereas, Olan North made his living by turning his hand to a number of different trades including horse breaking, sheep herding, mining, and harvesting timber, primarily in Iowa and Colorado; and

Whereas, known for his love of the outdoors, Olan North is widely respected for his talent with horses and devotion to the mountains; and

Whereas, equally well known for his love country music, Olan North is an accomplished square dancer and square-dance caller; and

Whereas, Olan North remains active at the tender age of one hundred years, as he still rides horses and walks a mile or two every day; and

Whereas, during his birthday celebration, Olan North will have an opportunity to reminisce about the significant events in his life, events that include his six failed Army-medical exams, after which he was summarily dismissed and told he was likely to soon die; his marriage to his first wife, the late Hattie North, and his subsequent marriage to the late Cathy North; the birth of his four children, Roy North, Edna Mae McGinnis, June Hudson, the late Judy North, and Arthur Wienen; raising his step-children, Mary Moschette, Maggie Mauzy, and Larry Dingman; and watching the birth and growth of his eleven grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and thirteen step-great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Olan North on the illustrious occasion of his 100th birthday, with our very best wishes for many more happy years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Olan A. North.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason Smith
District No. 150

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4521, adopted November 4, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker